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**COMMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS:**

Please see attached Response to Restriction Requirement in reply to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement of December 9, 2004 for U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/870,121.

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In re Patent Application of: )  
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Serial No. 09/870,121 ) Examiner: J. TORRES  
Filing Date: MAY 30, 2001 ) Art Unit: 2133  
For: METHOD FOR THE PREPARATION ) Attorney Docket No. 54268  
AND EXECUTION OF A SELF-TEST )  
PROCEDURE AND ASSOCIATED SELF-) **CEP**  
TEST GENERATING METHOD )

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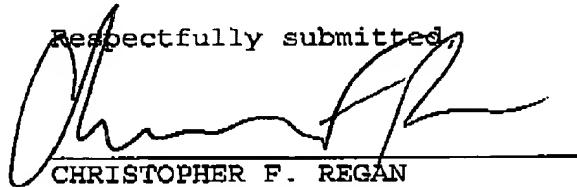
RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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Sir:

The restriction requirement mailed on December 9, 2004 incorrectly lists Claims 1-23 as pending. Claims 1-11 were cancelled and new Claims 12-27 were added in a Preliminary Amendment filed May 30, 2001. In a telephone conversation with Examiner Torres on January 7, 2005, the status is that a new restriction requirement had been issued but not yet mailed. Accordingly, Applicant awaits receipt of the new restriction requirement and is unable to respond to the present restriction requirement.

Respectfully submitted,



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